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Dear Js,

When you see Hal and give him the enclosed poor copy marked for him, please tell him that CD955 has been declassified. Unless my recollection is wrong, and from 1966 it may well be, he had an interest in this. I got him the other relevant one, then not classified. It does not mention the named that interested him, from the vrey brief notes I have on it. I'll have it and will know.

What seems like to relate is CD564, 566, which deal with the transfer of money (alleged) to LHO in Mexico City and one Pedro Guiterrez Valencia (I've not checked my files or card on these names).

CD955 is about a Mexican trip and Charles Allen Schmidt and John O'Brien. The FBI office of origin is consistent with Hal's interest.

Please tell Hal that Paul will eventually have copies of all of these. We do not yet know the extent, but the indications are that there are more pages than we originally estimated, with much crap, some never classified, some (much) even published.

Because Paul,is also very hudy (his last letter says nothing being done on melon-cholly) and may not get to go over his copies as rapidly as once he would, if I get to do it and see anything in which I know Hal had an interest, I'll let him know through you.

Depending on a number of factors then obtaining, I may go over these pages when I get them (more than 800 already copied) with a tape recorder convenient. After tax season, perhaps my wife can then type up what notes I'd made. I hope to be able to do more of this than I have for some years. I did my original research this way and all the research for TIGER. But it is less convenient here. However, when my old , beyond-repair upright went bad and I couldn't afford another, I eliminated my stenoss desk, which will not accomodate this portable, made a plywood desk-top and laid it on two half-size file cabinets (which turned out to be too high for typing), and made it large enough to accomodate my 3M machine. This will enable me to eliminate the table in my small office on which I'd kept the copier, this marking room for a chair there, with the recorder alongside the copier. So, I may be able to make notes on tape again, which is much faster. I can't try now because that corner of the plywood must be able to carry a rather heavy weight. In odds and ends of moments I'm painting what I've already cut to size to make a small cabinet to support that weight and hold the special paper. I've even latched onto a small, old-fashioned bedroom rocker (cane missing) that will fit there, so with a little time and effort I'll be fixed and comfy...I've been silent lately because I've been having a fool for a client, first in a suit to collect money owed me out of town and now in preparing response to a long, belated and complicated government motion in my suit for pictures of the JFK clothing. It is close to the most complete dishonesty yet, with mis-quotations and misinterpretations of law, regulation, letters, etc., and a rather extensive misrepresentation. It is so voluminous that I fear any complete response may be so long the judge won't read it. But it has to be done and it is taking much time. When it is, I'll probably send Paul a copy for his files, if you'd like, through you. He has been talking about some suits and if he goes ahead, some of the research and quotes may then be of some value to him. ...If you still get the N.O, papers and wire copy, for time and cost considerations I've had to let my subs lapse. I'd appreciate anything there may be on the coming Shaw trial, now in federal court. My last one had the banner head (S-I) on going to fed court, with picture of Shaw on p. 1. No rush, just for completeness of file... With Martens known to Shaw (and Ferrie), in Shaw's notebook, and guilty as he could be on the perjury count (where he'd asked me to cop a plea for him back in 11/67), I winder increasingly if he will surface as a state's witness in return for dropping charges.